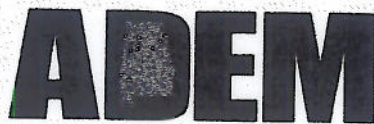


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March 22, 2013

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RE: EPA-OSWER-OEM-13-02

Dear Mr. Irizarry,

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) administers all major federal environmental laws, including the Clean Air, Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water acts and federal solid and hazardous waste laws. ADEM assists EPA with remediation at sites subject to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980. ADEM also cleans up small sites contaminated with hazardous substances under the Alabama Hazardous Substance Cleanup Fund Act.

Please accept this letter of support for the Association of State & Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO) proposal in response to the 2013 EPA Request for Proposal (EPA-OSWER-OEM-13-02) for the "Removal Emergency Response Program."

ADEM has been involved with ASTSWMO for many years, with ADEM staff serving in numerous leadership positions and on many of its focus groups and subcommittees. ASTSWMO has been crucial to identifying emerging Removal Action issues at both State and Federal levels and has effectively advanced the exchange of information among State Removal and Emergency Response officials and EPA officials.

ADEM strongly supports ASTSWMOs application for the Removal Emergency Response Program cooperative agreement. We believe that, if selected, ASTSWMO will continue to benefit both EPA and the States' implementation of Removal and Emergency Response programs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (334) 271-7732.

Sincerely,

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Phillip D. Davis
Chief, Land Division

cc: Dania Rodriguez, ASTSWMO

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RE: EPA-OSWER-OEM-13-02, ADEQ Letter of Support

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I am the Manager for Federal Superfund Programs for the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, and I provide oversight support for Removals/Emergency Response actions in Arizona. I have been involved with ASTSWMO as the Arizona representative for the former Policy and Technology Focus Group and currently serving on the State Superfund Focus Group for the past 7 years. Since I have been involved with ASTSWMO as a Focus Group member, I regularly attend ASTSWMO sponsored meetings.

I strongly support ASTSWMO's application for the Removal Emergency Response Program cooperative agreement. I believe that, if selected, ASTSWMO will continue to benefit both EPA and the States' implementation of Removal and Emergency Response programs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (602) 771-4609.

Sincerely,

Harry R. Hendler, Manager
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cc: Dania Rodriguez, ASTSWMO

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As the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) Superfund and Site Assessment Unit Leader, I interact regularly with the EPA Region VIII Emergency Response & Preparedness Program. My Unit often refers sites to EPA for removal actions after we perform an assessment, rely on EPA's removal authority to expedite actions at Superfund sites, or perform assessments on sites following a removal action.

The CDPHE has directly benefited from the work of the ASTSWMO Removal Action Focus Group. I participated in the December 2009 ASTSWMO Removal Action Symposium. Both the information shared through the formal presentations and the interaction with other State and EPA official was very helpful. The CDPHE was able to broaden the impact of the training by distributing presentation materials regarding data management, the EPA Special Team's Resources and Natural Resource Damage Assessment with other staff who were unable to attend.

ASTSWMO has been at the forefront in identifying emerging Removal Action issues at both the State and Federal levels. The Removal Action Focus Group's Transition Issues Analysis (December 2012) gathered information on issues relating to the transition of removal sites to and from State and Federal programs. The sections of the report relating to cleanup goals, funding sources and institutional controls were especially beneficial to CDPHE. Learning how other states have responded to these issues enhances my Unit's ability to interact more effectively with the EPA Region VIII Emergency Response & Preparedness Program.

Mr. John Irizarry
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The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment strongly supports ASTSWMO's application for the Removal Emergency Response Program cooperative agreement. We believe that, if selected, ASTSWMO will *continue* to benefit both EPA and the States' implementation of Removal and Emergency Response programs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 303-692-3393 or barbara.nabors@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Nabors".

Barbara Nabors, PE
Superfund and Site Assessment Unit Leader
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cc: Dania Rodriguez, ASTSWMO



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RE: EPA-OSWER-OEM-13-02

Dear Mr. Irizarry,

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I have been involved with ASTSWMO as the Region III state representative on the ASTSWMO Removals Focus Group. I am the Program Administrator of the Emergency Prevention and Response Section of the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. In this position, I am responsible for statewide hazardous materials Emergency Response including emergency removals under the Delaware Hazardous Substance Cleanup Act. I am also responsible for administering both the Delaware Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act program and the Delaware Accidental Release Prevention program for extremely hazardous substances.

I have been involved in ASTSWMO as a Focus Group member and I have regularly attended ASTSWMO sponsored meetings. For example, at ASTSWMO's 2009 Remediation and Reuse Symposium (Agenda is at http://www.astswmo.org/Pages/Meetings/Past_Meetings/2009-Removal_Action.html) Delaware actively participated by moderating and presenting information to states on pre-event emergency response planning at high security events.

The ASTSWMO Removals Focus Group has promoted and stimulated information exchange among State Removal and Emergency Response officials and EPA officials to jointly resolve State issues. ASTSWMO has been at the forefront in identifying emerging Removal Action issues at both the State and Federal levels. For example, ASTSWMO's Removal Action Focus Group published their Transition Issues Analysis in December 2012. The purpose of the research was to gather information on issues relating to the transition of removal sites to and from the

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The Division of Environment has been involved with ASTSWMO for many years. We have staff participating on all the CERCLA, federal facility, RCRA, underground storage tank and solid waste committees. Leo Henning, Deputy Director of the Division of Environment, is the Chairman of the Removal Action Focus Group at ASTSWMO. I support his work on the group. The work completed by the Removal Action Focus Group has been a great asset to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

ASTSWMO has always promoted information exchange among State Removal and Emergency Response officials and EPA officials to jointly resolve State issues. ASTSWMO has been at the forefront in identifying emerging Removal Action issues at the State and Federal levels.

The Division of Environment strongly supports the ASTSWMO application for the Removal Emergency Response Program cooperative agreement. We believe that, if selected, ASTSWMO will support EPA and the States' implementation of Removal and Emergency Response programs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 913-296-1535.

Sincerely,

John W. Mitchell, Director
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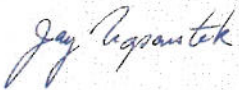
MassDEP has been involved with ASTSWMO for many years. We have been active members, participating in many of the Association's Task Forces and Focus Groups, held Chair positions for several of those, and have Chaired both Federal Facilities Subcommittee and the CERCLA Subcommittee. We have also represented Region 1 on the Board of Directors.

Removals and Emergency Response are a critical piece of our overall waste site cleanup program. We work very closely with the EPA removal program. We have benefitted greatly over the years from the work that the ASTSWMO Removal Action Focus Group has done working with EPA to improve State/EPA coordination in the Removal program, as well as the research the Focus Group has completed in the field of removals and emergency response.

ASTSWMO has promoted and stimulated information exchange among State Removal and Emergency Response officials and EPA officials to jointly resolve State issues. And they have been at the forefront in identifying emerging Removal Action issues at both the State and Federal levels. For example, their Transition Issues Analysis in December 2012 gathered information on issues relating to the transition of removal sites to and from the State and Federal programs. The purpose was also to identify approaches, concerns, strengths and weaknesses related to these transitions. We found this very helpful.

MassDEP strongly supports ASTSWMO's application for the Removal Emergency Response Program cooperative agreement. We believe that, if selected, ASTSWMO will *continue* to benefit both EPA and the States' implementation of Removal and Emergency Response programs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 617-292-5697.

Sincerely,

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Jay Naparstek
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cc: Dania Rodriguez, ASTSWMO



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The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has been involved with ASTSWMO for several years and has actively been engaged in many of the technical subcommittees related to Tanks, Hazardous Waste and CERCLA/Brownfields. In addition, we regularly attend the various ASTSWMO meetings.

As the current Director of the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), I am responsible for all of the environmental regulation programs including hazardous and solid waste, water protection, public drinking water, air pollution and land reclamation programs. In addition, I oversee our five Regional Offices and the Environmental Services Program.

Under my purview our Hazardous Waste Program staff and our Environmental Emergency Response Section work close with EPA on Emergency Action Removals and Emergency Response disaster type issues.

EPA's "Removal Emergency Response Program" is a vital piece of the overall protection of the health, safety and quality of life for our citizens and the environment we live in. Over the years, ASTSWMO has promoted and stimulated information exchange among State Removal and Emergency Response officials and EPA officials to jointly resolve issues. Great examples include:

- ASTSWMO's 2009 Remediation and Reuse Symposium. The agenda is available at http://www.astswmo.org/Pages/Meetings/Past_Meetings/2009-Removal_Action.html

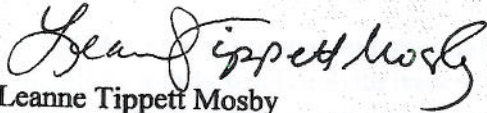
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With this in mind, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources strongly supports ASTSWMO's application for the Removal Emergency Response Program cooperative agreement. We believe that, if selected, ASTSWMO will continue to benefit both EPA and the States' implementation of Removal and Emergency Response programs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102 or by phone at 573-751-0763.

Sincerely,

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c: Ms. Dania Rodriguez, ASTSWMO



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We have been involved with ASTSWMO Actions Focus Group. I am the Assistant Director of the Emergency Management program for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. In NJ I am responsible for Emergency Response. I have been involved in ASTSWMO as a Focus Group member. I regularly attend ASTSWMO sponsored meetings.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection strongly supports ASTSWMO's application for the Removal Emergency Response Program cooperative agreement. We believe that, if selected, ASTSWMO will *continue* to benefit both EPA and the States' implementation of Removal and Emergency Response programs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 973-631-6387 or gary.pearson@dep.state.nj.us

Sincerely,

Gary Pearson, Assistant Director

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I have been involved with ASTSWMO as the Region VI state representative on the ASTSWMO Removals Focus Group. I am the Program Coordinator for the Removals Program and the Superfund Site Discovery and Assessment Program of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. In Texas, I am responsible for coordinating and overseeing time critical and non-time-critical removal actions to address imminent threats to human health and the environment. I am also responsible for the discovery and assessment of sites for consideration to the National Priorities List and the Texas State Superfund Program. I have been involved in ASTSWMO as a Focus Group member and I regularly attend ASTSWMO sponsored meetings. At the 2010 ASTSWMO Annual Meeting, I presented on behalf of Texas on community involvement issues pertaining to site assessments and removal actions in communities.

Through the Removals Focus Group, ASTSWMO has been a national leader in promoting and stimulating information exchange among State Removal and Emergency Response officials and EPA officials to jointly resolve State issues. ASTSWMO has also served to facilitate the exchange of best practices and lessons learned between state and federal stakeholders as was the case with discussions on the Gulf Oil Spill cleanup at Focus Group meetings and ASTSWMO meeting sessions.

ASTSWMO is consistently at the forefront in identifying emerging Removal Action issues at both the State and Federal levels. For example, ASTSWMO's Removals Action Focus Group conducted nationwide research into issues relating to the transition of removal sites to and from the State and Federal programs, to identify approaches, concerns, strengths and weaknesses

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ASTSWMO fosters the development of solutions and continues to serve as an invaluable resource for information exchange. I strongly support ASTSWMO's application for the Removal Emergency Response Program cooperative agreement. I believe that, if selected, ASTSWMO will continue to benefit both EPA and the States' implementation of Removal and Emergency Response programs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 512-239-6858.

Sincerely,



Omar Valdez
Program Coordinator
Removals Program/ Superfund Site Discovery and Assessment Program
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cc: Dania Rodriguez, ASTSWMO